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**CONGRATULATED MAN WHO STOLE HIS WIFE.**

**John Bublitz Was Only Anxious to Recover Child and Money--Chase Ends in Joplin.**

Joplin, Mo., Dec. 25.—An elopement and a chase of several thousand miles, ended in the capture of the elopers by the injured husband here Tuesday night.

John Bublitz lived at Oshkosh, Wis., with his wife and 4-year-old boy. Three weeks ago his wife eloped with a neighbor, G. K. Kimball, taking her child and \$4,000 in money with her.

Bublitz engaged a detective to find them. He followed them to Chicago thence to Denver, then to Joplin, where they arrived a week ago and took a room in a lodging house. The detective notified Bublitz that his wife had been located and Bublitz hastened here, arriving yesterday.

He swore out warrants for the couple. Accompanied by the constable he went to the rooming house. The little boy came to the door, and the father love in Bublitz overcame all else and he rushed past the constable and clasped the child to his breast.

Mrs. Bublitz was arrested, but Kimball was absent at the time.

He was found in a saloon close by, which he was trying to purchase.

When Kimball was brought into the room Bublitz extended his hand to him, saying: "I congratulate you upon your elopement." The two men then shook hands.

Mrs. Bublitz broke down and wept, but the two men were calm and composed. She gave her husband \$1,300 of the \$4,000 she had taken with her and, after she and Kimball paid a fine of \$1 and costs each, they were allowed to leave together.

Bublitz took his child with him back to Oshkosh. Both parents wanted the child.

**To Cure a Cold in One Day**  
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**Death of T. M. James.**

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 26.—T. M. James, who for more than 40 years was a leading merchant of this city, died at his home yesterday, aged 70. When he came to Kansas City in 1854 the place was known as Westport Landing. He was therefore the oldest citizen here. He was a strong union sympathizer.

Mr. James amassed a fortune of nearly \$1,000,000. He was prominent in Baptist affairs, having practically given every Baptist church in the city its start. His benefactions to the Calvary Baptist church alone exceed \$95,000.

Mr. James was uncle to Frank and Jesse James, but would never discuss them in any way. He leaves a widow and two sons.

**Stops the Cold and Works off the Cold.**

Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No cure, no pay. Price 25 cents.

**McClay Hasn't Had Enough.**

New York, Dec. 25.—When seen at his home and informed of his dismissal from his position in the navy yard by President Roosevelt Edgar Stanton McClay said:

"I have written to the civil service authorities at Washington asking for a formal opinion on this subject. I shall be guided in my actions by the advice received from this source."

For family use in numberless ways Ballard's Snow Liniment is a useful and valuable remedy. Price 25 and 50 cents. For sale by H. L. Tucker.

**Many Filipinos Slain.**

Washington, Dec. 26.—The war department to-day is advised by Gen. Chaffee, at Manila that Company F, Twenty-first Infantry, had a desperate hand-to-hand struggle in a gorge six miles south of San Jose, Batangas, Dec. 23. Twenty-two of the enemy were killed. Patrick A. Connelly received six bolo cuts in the neck and shoulders.

**Tabler's Buckeye Pile Ointment** has been thoroughly tested for many years, and is a positive cure for this most distressing and embarrassing of troubles. Price, 50c in bottles. Tubes, 75 cents. For sale by H. L. Tucker.

**RACE RIOT AT HARLEM.**

**Four Whites Wounded and Fifteen Blacks Arrested.**

New York, December 25.—A race skirmish between whites and blacks in Harlem to-day developed serious proportions and kept the police busy for a time. The negroes, 100 strong, were armed with revolvers and clubs, while equally as many whites used stones and weapons. The negroes had the advantage, but were driven back into their tenements by the police after they had charged on the whites with pistols and razors.

Fifteen negroes were arrested. Four whites, including a policeman, were badly shot or cut.

The rioting began when some white boys stoned two colored girls, whereupon a dozen negroes seized the white boys and beat them. The white boys, when released, told their story to white men in the vicinity, and an organized attack was made on the negroes, who were driven back to their tenements under a shower of stones.

The confusion increased when the white men began to bombard the tenements with stones and other missiles, and the negroes fired from their windows into the crowd.

The whites were surprised by the shooting, and, seeing men falling wounded, turned and ran, and were followed by the negroes, who used knives and razors freely.

At this point a force of police arrived on the scene, and, with drawn clubs, stopped the rioting, chasing the negroes into their houses.

**TRAGEDY AT A CHRISTMAS FEAST**

**Mrs. Henderson Took Poison by Mistake and Death Quickly Ensued.**

Boonville, Mo., Dec. 25.—Through mistake Mrs. Hattie Henderson, widow of the late Andrew Henderson, took strychnine at noon to-day and died in great agony forty-five minutes later.

Mrs. Henderson had prepared a Christmas dinner for a number of relatives, who had assembled at her house to enjoy the day, and was suffering from a severe headache at the time dinner was to be announced. Having a quantity of headache powders in the house, she concluded to relieve her suffering and prepared a powder in a spoon and swallowed a quantity of the same, when she noticed her mistake on examining the paper from which the medicine had been taken, discovering that it was strychnine. Before medical aid could be secured she was a corpse. She was a sister of Mrs. Allen Betteridge, of Buncheon, Mo.

**Miles' Plans Not Changed.**

Washington, Dec. 26.—Gen. Miles resumed his duties in command of the army at his office in the war department to-day. It is said that he has decided to accept the situation with the best possible grace, and will say or do nothing to continue the controversy.

So far as known the incident will cause no decided change in the prearranged plans, official and social, for the future.

**Brown of Carthage, is Not the Man.**

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 26.—E. O. Brown of Carthage, and William O. Cardwell met to-day in this city "for the first time," as Cardwell asserted this afternoon.

Cardwell's own version of the affair is concise, and, he avers, complete. He prefaced it with the information that the Brown whom he met to-day is not the Brown of a month ago who paid him \$5,000 to withdraw his suit against the St. Louis Republic.

It is reported that Carnegie has offered a large sum of money to Columbia University.

**Does It Pay to Buy Cheap?**

A cheap remedy for coughs and colds is all right, but you want something that will relieve and cure the more severe and dangerous results of throat and lung troubles. What shall you do? Go to a warmer and more regular climate? Yes, if possible; if not possible for you, then in either case take the **ONLY** remedy that has been introduced in all civilized countries with success in severe throat and lung troubles, "Boschee's German Syrup." It not only **heals** and stimulates the tissues to destroy the germ disease, but allays inflammation, causes easy expectoration, gives a good night's rest, and cures the patient. Try one bottle. Recommended many years by all druggists in the world. Get Green's Prize Almanac.—H. L. Tucker, Druggist.

**RURAL DELIVERY RULES.**

**Civil Service Will Take Effect February.**

**Simple Examination of Carriers--Political Indorsement Will Not Be Considered.**

Washington, Dec. 26.—An important decision affecting the rural free delivery carriers, who are soon to enter the classified civil service list, was reached this afternoon at a conference of the postmaster general, supt. Machen of the rural free delivery service and the civil service commission. This was the adoption of rules governing the examination of the carriers and regulating future appointments in the rural free delivery service.

February 1, 1902, was fixed as the date the rules will become effective. After that date all petitions for the establishment of service will be submitted on blanks furnished by the department, and will include nominations for the position of carrier, each petitioner having the right to make a nomination if he desires to do so. The special agent who reports upon the feasibility of establishing service will also examine the applicants nominated by the petitioners and any others who may apply.

The examination will be exceedingly simple, only sufficient to test the applicant's ability to read and write. It consists in filling out an application blank on which are a number of personal questions.

Only persons residing on or in the immediate vicinity of a proposed route will be examined. Only such applicants will be examined as have the necessary equipment, horse and wagon or cart, or who can satisfy the special agent that they are prepared, if appointed, to furnish such equipment.

The rule allowing the petitioners to suggest the names of carriers is expected to obviate the recurrence of political squabbles over appointments, such as that which Mr. DeArmond, of Missouri, recently brought to the attention of the house. The rule goes so far to specify that political indorsement will not be received nor entertained. The examinations will be confined to persons over 17 years of age and under 55, with the exception of honorably discharged soldiers of the civil or Spanish war, to whom the age limit does not apply.

Applicants will be examined by a board of examiners selected from the clerical force of the rural free delivery service examining board.

**MAY RELINQUISH CONTROL.**

**Reports Concerning China's Dowager Empress Gaining Credence.**

Pekin, Dec. 25.—The continued reports of the empress dowager's intention to relinquish control of the government gained considerable credence among the foreigners here, although the Chinese, who for some time have been much concerned regarding the attitude of the ministers who are desirous of a solution of all unsettled questions, do not believe that she would voluntarily surrender power, or if she did surrender it was that the relinquishment would be sincere.

Great preparations are being made at Paoing Fu for the reception of the court. The fact that the empress dowager will stop over at Paoing Fu supports the confident assertion that the emperor will return to Peking first.

Sir Robert Hart, whose influence with the Chinese is increasing, says that the present negotiations with Russia regarding Manchuria are more satisfactory than the former conferences. He believes that Russia will modify her original demands, thus making it possible for an agreement to be reached.

**Government Bonds Offered.**

New York, Dec. 26.—A big batch of United States bonds has, it is understood, been offered direct to the treasury department at Washington for purchase by the government. The amount is believed to be more than \$2,000,000, and the bonds themselves will be probably presented to the local subtreasury here in a day or two. A New York bond house has made the offer.

The National McKinley Memorial association warns the public against "schemes" which purport to be for the purpose of raising funds for the memorial.

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**VIGOROUS WORK IS URGED BY CHAFFEE.**

**Thinks There Has Been Entirely Too Much Talk About**

**What Filipinos May Expect.**

Washington, Dec. 26.—In a letter to the War Department, Maj. Gen. Chaffee makes clear his belief that drastic measures should be employed to maintain American sovereignty over the Philippines. Progress is being made in convincing the natives that the United States have no intention of withdrawing from the determination of the question which they have set themselves to solve, but the task is a slow one.

In his letter General Chaffee says: "My opinion is that there has been entirely too much talk hitherto of what the Filipino may expect from us. The commission recently passed a treason and sedition act. Vice Gov. Wright's speech opened their eyes. It was from the shoulder and a wonderfully good blow. The good it has done was very great. The politicians are beginning now to act in a way they should have acted long ago—that is, using their influence for peace."

General Chaffee cordially approves the vigorous operations conducted by Brigadier General Smith in the Island of Samar. "If Smith can make a ten-strike in Samar," he says "by a vigorous course there—which it is hoped he may do—the influence will be immense toward subduing Malvar, the hardest nut in the basket which we have to crack at this time."

**Toy Cannon Exploded.**

Sedalia, Mo., Dec. 25.—While a number of boys were celebrating Christmas to-day at Lincoln, Benton county, Edward, Boehmer, the 18-year-old son of F. Boehmer, a leading merchant of that place, was seriously, if not fatally injured, by the explosion of a toy cannon, made out of a gun barrel. A sliver of the barrel penetrated young Boehmer's head, destroying the eye and inflicting a frightful brain wound.

**Death from a Boy's Banter.**

Wichita, Kan., Dec. 25.—William Mullin, 14 years old, while leading a game on the ice this afternoon, was drowned in the river. Two other boys narrowly escaped. Mullin dared the boys to follow him over a part of the ice which was known to be very thin. The weight caused the ice to break. About a dozen of the boy's companion were witnesses to the catastrophe. The boys were pulled out, but when Mullin was taken from the water life was extinct.

**How Are Your Kidneys?**  
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**Dr. Dockery's Doctors.**

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 27.—It is reliably stated that Dr. Z. T. Martin, of Plattsburg, the present physician at the Missouri penitentiary, and his wife, who is matron at the institution, are to be transferred to the State Hospital for the Insane at Fulton, by Gov. Dockery when he appoints Dr. G. S. Hardin and wife, of Marshall, physician and matron at the penitentiary, which will be in the early part of January.

This confirms the report of a few days ago that the appointment of Dr. Hardin and his wife would be made. It seems that the governor recently decided to make the change of Dr. Martin and his wife to the asylum at Fulton, the former in the capacity of superintendent and the latter matron of that institution. This would change the management of that asylum back into the hands of the allopathic school of medicine and will cause dissension. Dr. E. B. Wray, the present superintendent, is a homeopath, and his school of medicine will likely consider it a blow at them by the administration rather than a political change. This report is confirmed by prominent politicians of the western part of the state who are interested in the matter.

**Burned Before Their Eyes.**

Sharon, Pa., Dec. 27.—Three men were burned to death and several thousand dollars' worth of property was destroyed at the Old Sharpville furnace this morning by a fire which started in the hoist. The dead are Howard Dixon, James Bartlett, Martin Clancy. The men were top fillers and were working about 80 feet from the ground.

The flames cut off their escape. Hundreds of people watched in horror as the flames raged about the doomed men. Dixon was to have been married this afternoon.

**Fierce Hand-to-Hand Fight**

Manila, Dec. 27.—Advises from Cathalogan, Island of Samar, report another sanguinary affray between a small detachment of Americans and a horde of Filipino bolomen. The fight occurred at Dapdap. Captain Schoeffel and 18 men of company E, Ninth infantry, were suddenly attacked. The enemy was repulsed, after a fierce hand to hand fight with heavy loss. But the little band of Americans also suffered severely. Two non-commissioned officers and five privates were killed, and six privates and Captain Schoeffel were wounded. Five of the soldiers were dangerously hurt.

**Real Battle in Colombia.**

Colon, Colombia, Dec. 27.—Via Galveston—News was received here to-day that Gen. Marin, the Colombian revolutionary leader, attacked Honda, on the Magdalena river, Dec. 9, with 1,200 men.

The garrison, consisting of 430 men, fought from 6 a. m. until 12:30 p. m. At 8 a. m. the garrison received reinforcements numbering 200 men.

The battle started on the outskirts of the city and ended at Caracoli, nine miles from Honda. Bayonets and machetes were used. The government forces were victorious.

Four hundred men were killed during the battle.

The St. Louis Republic has this to say: "Democrats have begun the work of driving corruption from Jefferson City. There is already a clean house as far as the democrats are concerned. After the elections next fall there will also be a clean bill of health for the senate. The democrats are in earnest."

**Miss Roosevelt's Party.**

Washington, Dec. 27.—Invitations have been sent out by Mrs. Roosevelt for the dance that is to be given in honor of Miss Alice Roosevelt January 3. The president's eldest daughter then will formally be introduced to society. The guests will include all the government dignitaries, diplomats and society leaders of Washington, New York, Boston, Chicago and other cities. The grand dance will be held in the east room and the reception preceding in the state parlors.

**Fire in Cudahy Plant**

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 27.—Fire destroyed the two-story brick building occupied by the pharmaceutical department of the Cudahy Packing company's plant yesterday afternoon. Owing to lack of water present the fire companies were unable to get the flames under control for several hours.

The gum and box factories also occupied this building and were destroyed.

The damage is estimated at \$35,000 or \$40,000.

**Dragged Over Two Blocks.**

Nevada, Mo., Dec. 27.—While Pearl Hartline, aged 12, was riding a horse at Eldorado Springs the saddle turned, throwing the boy off. One of his feet caught in the stirrup. The horse ran about two blocks before it was checked. The boy is in a critical condition. Every particle of his clothing was torn from the body while the horse dragged him.

**Another Phillipine Suicide.**

Washington, Dec. 28.—The war department is in receipt of a cablegram from Gen. Chaffee, Manila, reporting that Odus Reeder, Second Lieutenant Philippine scouts, committed suicide on the morning of Dec. 24, by shooting himself with a carbine on board the *Layton*. He was suffering from temporary insanity due to illness. Lieutenant Reeder was a native of Beverly, West, Va.

**Governor Rogers Dead.**

Olympia, Wash., Dec. 27.—Pneumonia caused the death last night of Governor Rogers, Harry G. McBride is now the states chief executive.

John R. Rogers was born in Brunswick, Me., September 4, 1838. He moved to Wichita, Kansas, where he was editor of Kansas Commoner. In 1890 he moved to the state of Washington, where in 1896, he was elected governor on the fusion ticket and re-elected in 1900.

The 125th anniversary of the battle of Trenton, N. J., was celebrated with a sham battle, which was a reproduction of the famous engagement between General Washington and the Hessians.

A destructive tornado swept over Naples, killing one woman, injuring thirty-six persons and doing immense damage to property.

A terrific snowstorm, accompanied by heavy winds, has developed in the extreme northwest, coming in some places out of a clear sky and without a moment's warning.

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